

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
FROM 6 AM to 10 PM

PIGGLY WIGGLY OF OPP

408 N. Main Delta Plaza
(Hwy 331 N.)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
COOK-OUT
HAMBURGERS
BAR-B-QUE PORK SANDWICHES
RIBEYE STEAK SANDWICHES
HOT DOGS

"Where Shopping Is A Pleasure"

QUANTITY RIGHTS
RESERVED
None Sold to Dealers
April 16-22, 1997

WE HAVE
WESTERN UNION
AND
MONEY ORDERS

CUBED STEAK \$1.97 lb	BONELESS RUMP ROAST \$1.57 lb	RUSSET POTATOES 87¢ 10 lb BAG	VIDALIA ONIONS 87¢ 3 LBS
---------------------------------	---	---	------------------------------------

SUGAR 87¢ 4 LB BAG	TISSUE 87¢ 4 ROLL
------------------------------	-----------------------------

COKE OR PEPSI PRODUCTS \$2.79 12 PAK CANS	KRAFT PARKAY 2/87¢ QUARTERS
---	---------------------------------------

BOTTOM ROUND STEAK \$1.77 lb	KELLEY'S SMOKED SAUSAGE \$1.69 lb	KELLEY'S SAUSAGE PATTIES \$1.59 12 OZ	SAUERS MAYONNAISE 87¢ 32 OZ
--	---	---	---------------------------------------

FRESH YELLOW SQUASH 87¢ lb

COME IN AND REGISTER FOR A SEARS CRAFTSMAN 14.5 HP, 42 INCH, 6 SPEED RIDING LAWN MOWER. WE WILL DRAW A LUCKY FINALIST FOR FOUR WEEKS STARTING THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, 1997 THRU APRIL 26TH, 1997. WE WILL DRAW ONE LUCKY WINNER FROM THE FOUR WEEKLY FINALIST ON MAY 3RD, 1997. NO PURCHASE REQUIRED.

THANKS FOR SHOPPING
AT YOUR OPP PIGGLY WIGGLY!

FIRST WEEK'S FINALIST IS BUDDY TAYLOR OF OPP
SECOND WEEK'S FINALIST IS BILLY HARDY OF OPP



ARCHIVES/ COLLECTION MAN 1-1-99
624 WASHINGTON AVE
MONTGOMERY AL 36130-0100
page 2

INSIDE
AREA SPORTS
Pages 8 & 9

INSIDE
DAM CONT'D
Page 13

INSIDE
BAND DAY '97
Page 16

The Elba Clipper

VOLUME 100, NUMBER 46

50 CENTS

ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1997

1 SECTION, 16 PAGES

AFTER MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS REST PEA RIVER ONCE AGAIN TURNING TURBINES

Elba Power Dam back on line generating electricity

By Marvin McLain, Editor

After more than 30 years, the Elba Dam is back on line and generating electrical power.

Two men's dream is finally being realized and the flowing water of Pea River is once again turning a turbine producing electricity.

Ben Ammons and Jesse Blenn have worked long and hard rebuilding what many have said could never be rebuilt. In the past, several others tried but none were successful.

However, there was one individual, who this writer remembers well, who told everyone who would listen, and even some who would not, that the Elba Dam could be made to work again. That individual was Robert "Bob" Folsom.

It is a shame that Bob is not alive today to hear the hum originating from the Elba Dam. He would certainly be saying, "I told you so!"

On Wednesday afternoon, April 9, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Ammons threw the switch that put the power generator on line with AEC (Alabama Electric Cooperative).

The smallest of three generators is now in operation and is producing between 210 to 250 kilowatts per hour. Putting this in perspective, it takes approximately 1 kw per hour to supply an average size home with electricity.

Ammons and Blenn certainly agree that the restoration of the dam has been, and continues to be, a learning experience.

There have been a few "minor bugs" to work out on the turbine, generator and power control panel; however, the generator is working well.

The two men will now begin to focus their attention on getting the two larger generators into working condition. Each of the larger units will produce about twice the electrical power as the small one.

Although Ben would not give a specific time frame for getting the large generators on-line, he hopes to have at least one working in less than a year.

"There are a lot of unknowns in this type work," he said. Ammons purchased the dam from

the City of Elba in 1992 for \$125,000 and began the long, hard process of putting it back into working condition.

"You don't just go out and purchase parts for generators and turbines placed into operation in early 1920," said Ammons.

"Just finding a place to start was quite a chore," he said.

According to Blenn, parts and pieces that can't be found in salvage yards have to be made.

The old power house had deteriorated, parts and pieces of the old generators had rusted or were missing all together, and the canal feeding the dam had filled in and had trees growing in it.

Also, a lot of work has been done, and will be done, to the dam itself. Work on the dam was progressing well in 1994 until July when high water once again struck and slowed the work-in-progress.

Everything that has been done, and will be done, to the dam has to meet regulations set forth by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Prior to being placed into operation, the dam had to pass final inspection by the FERC. Also, technicians from AEC had to inspect the "equipment" prior to placing the dam on-line.

Ben Ammons, owner of Elba Hydro Power, and Jesse Blenn have worked long and hard to get the dam in the shape that it is now in; however, there are more long hours of hard work ahead as they work on the restoration of the two larger generators. (MORE PICTURES CAN BE SEEN ON PAGE 13)

Please See DAM, Page 13



GENERATING POWER ONCE AGAIN... Pictured above is the powerhouse at the Elba Dam as it looks today. The canal is clear and once again channeling the waters of the Pea River through the turbines generating electricity. Ben Ammons, owner of Elba Hydro Power, and Jesse Blenn have worked long and hard to get the dam in the shape that it is now in; however, there are more long hours of hard work ahead as they work on the restoration of the two larger generators. (MORE PICTURES CAN BE SEEN ON PAGE 13)

Criminal court docket set for April 29 in Elba

By Marvin McLain - Editor

The Criminal Jury Docket, Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division has been set for Tuesday, April 29, at 9:00 a.m. with the Honorable Thomas E. Head, III, presiding.

A "call" of the docket has been scheduled for Friday (tomorrow), April 25, at 9:00 a.m. There are 25 cases involving 15 individuals on the docket.

The following is a listing of the cases that were set for trial:

State of Alabama
Vs
Spencer Owen Ziglar
Ziglar is charged with manslaughter.

State of Alabama
Vs
Rudolph Kyles
The defendant is charged with assault in the second degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Dennis Harper
He is charged with rape in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Willie James Daniels
Daniels is charged with rape in the first degree.

the first degree and assault in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Michelle Daugherty
The defendant is charged with theft in the second degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Adam Davis
Davis is charged with murder.

State of Alabama
Vs
Randy Burks
He faces the charge of burglary in the third degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Michael Lashawn Duncan
Duncan is charged with burglary in the third degree and arson in the second degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Anthony Charles Rivers
He is charged with burglary in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Bobby Ray Tyson
The defendant is charged with possession of burglar's tools and unlawful possession of marijuana in the first degree.

the second degree.

Please See COURT, Page 12

Elba W & E Board meeting routine

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, April 15th, at Elba City Hall. Chairman Tim Johnson presided.

The meeting opened with a review of the financial reports and Johnson told board members the accounts receivable report looked better.

Staff members have been working with the local court officials to collect old accounts and recover losses from bouncers checked.

The water department continues to show a loss, Johnson said, but a review is underway to see just what can be done to slow this financial drain.

Utility Superintendent James Grimes reported on a low water pressure complaint on old 84 West. He said the water crews had found pressure at 40 pounds, even with open faucets inside the homes and that was considered adequate. He noted that 1/2 inch pipes going into the homes could cause some of this low pressure problem.

Grimes asked for, and received, approval to take a used truck the utility recently retired and transfer a dump body from a city truck which has "died." He said the work could be done in-house for about \$500.

Board members heard several requests for spending funds... either for the departments or to help nonprofit organizations. Part way

through approving these request, the board unanimously approved setting up a sub-budget committee to look into all request for donations.

\$200 was approved as a donation to the DARE program; a request for radio spots to support a child abuse program received conditional approval... if it had been done last year; approval was given to pay half of the cost of a \$2,000 computer terminal for the bookkeeper's office...

the city will pay the other half and both departments will get use of it; \$25.00 dues for the Chamber of Commerce were approved; adding lighting to Evergreen Cemetery was approved, but in stages to be sure the plan will help the lighting in the cemetery; \$200 for the Miss Elba scholarship fund was approved; a request to donate \$200 to the county extension system sponsored Senior games was tabled; also tabled (for additional information) was paying \$195 each for lights on six Welcome to Elba signs.

Board members heard several requests for spending funds... either for the departments or to help nonprofit organizations. Part way

through approving these request, the board unanimously approved setting up a sub-budget committee to look into all request for donations.

\$200 was approved as a donation to the DARE program; a request for radio spots to support a child abuse program received conditional approval... if it had been done last year; approval was given to pay half of the cost of a \$2,000 computer terminal for the bookkeeper's office...

the city will pay the other half and both departments will get use of it; \$25.00 dues for the Chamber of Commerce were approved; adding lighting to Evergreen Cemetery was approved, but in stages to be sure the plan will help the lighting in the cemetery; \$200 for the Miss Elba scholarship fund was approved; a request to donate \$200 to the county extension system sponsored Senior games was tabled; also tabled (for additional information) was paying \$195 each for lights on six Welcome to Elba signs.

Board members heard several requests for spending funds... either for the departments or to help nonprofit organizations. Part way

through approving these request, the board unanimously approved setting up a sub-budget committee to look into all request for donations.

\$200 was approved as a donation to the DARE program; a request for radio spots to support a child abuse program received conditional approval... if it had been done last year; approval was given to pay half of the cost of a \$2,000 computer terminal for the bookkeeper's office...

the city will pay the other half and both departments will get use of it; \$25.00 dues for the Chamber of Commerce were approved; adding lighting to Evergreen Cemetery was approved, but in stages to be sure the plan will help the lighting in the cemetery; \$200 for the Miss Elba scholarship fund was approved; a request to donate \$200 to the county extension system sponsored Senior games was tabled; also tabled (for additional information) was paying \$195 each for lights on six Welcome to Elba signs.

Board members heard several requests for spending funds... either for the departments or to help nonprofit organizations. Part way

through approving these request, the board unanimously approved setting up a sub-budget committee to look into all request for donations.

\$200 was approved as a donation to the DARE program; a request for radio spots to support a child abuse program received conditional approval... if it had been done last year; approval was given to pay half of the cost of a \$2,000 computer terminal for the bookkeeper's office...

the city will pay the other half and both departments will get use of it; \$25.00 dues for the Chamber of Commerce were approved; adding lighting to Evergreen Cemetery was approved, but in stages to be sure the plan will help the lighting in the cemetery; \$200 for the Miss Elba scholarship fund was approved; a request to donate \$200 to the county extension system sponsored Senior games was tabled; also tabled (for additional information) was paying \$195 each for lights on six Welcome to Elba signs.

NEWS BRIEFS

There was a small riot at the Coffee County Jail last Saturday evening. According to officials, the incident started when a cigarette was taken from an inmate (no smoking is allowed in the jail). To end the five-hour standoff, tear gas was used to force the twenty-three prisoners involved out of cell block two. Officers from Elba, Enterprise, and Alabama State Troopers were called in to assist the sheriff's department in controlling the situation.

Adam C. Davis, age 19, of Opp will be tried for murder in Elba on Tuesday, April 29, beginning at 9:00 a.m. He was charged following a June 30, 1996, auto crash that resulted in the death of Amber Spinks, age 18, of Kinston. Davis was the driver of the vehicle when it ran off the road and hit an embankment at the intersection of Coffee County roads 460 and 492. Spinks was a passenger in the car.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

EIGHTH GRADERS & PARENTS MEETING There will be a meeting of Elba Junior High eighth-grade students and their parents Thursday (TONIGHT), April 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Due to new graduation requirements by the state this is a very important meeting for both students and parents.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting, Monday, April 28, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

RELAY FOR LIFE The 1997 Relay for Life sponsored by the Coffee County Chapter of the American Cancer Society is set for Friday, May 16, on the campus of Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise. The twelve hour event will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening and end at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The candlelighting ceremony in honor of those who lost their battle with cancer will begin at 10:00 p.m. For more information call Carol Chancellor at 393-3212 or Carolyn Patrick at 894-6368 or the ACS at 793-1012.

COME JOIN US The Coffee County Department of Human Resources staff will sponsor a "R.C. Kick Off" on Wednesday, April 30, from 10:30 until 12:00 Noon. The event will be held at the DHR building located at 3881 Salem Road in Enterprise. The purpose of the event is to share the goals and principles concerning better care given to children through the "System of Care."

Jury finds Enterprise man guilty of attempted murder

An Enterprise man has been found guilty of attempted murder.

Clarence White, of Enterprise, was convicted of attempted murder by an Enterprise Division jury late Wednesday afternoon, April 16.

He is scheduled to be sentenced by Circuit Judge Thomas E. Head, III on Thursday (TODAY), April 24, at 9:00 a.m. in Enterprise.

White faces a minimum of 20 years imprisonment to a maximum life since the offense involved a firearm.

The case stemmed from a shooting incident that occurred at Bates Memorial Stadium during a junior high school football game on September 7, 1995.

District Attorney Mark E. Fuller feels that this conviction is a message from citizens that this type violent behavior will not be tolerated at our schools or school activities.

The DA further stated that his office has a zero tolerance policy toward firearms being possessed or used in any way on school campuses.

In an unrelated case, the manslaughter case involving Brick Miller of Enterprise ended in a hung jury.

Miller was charged with two counts of manslaughter involving the traffic deaths of Claude and Betty Lee and one count of second degree assault involving the traffic injury of David Jones.

Brockton, AL on Oct. 5, 1995 the day after Hurricane Opal swept through the county.

The Lee's car was in the process of being removed from downed trees in the roadway when Miller's vehicle came crashing through the same trees. Both the Lees and Jones were struck by the automobile.

Claude Lee was pronounced dead at the scene while Betty Lee died a short time later at an Enterprise hospital.

No date has been set at this time for the case to be retried.

Elba grand jury indicts forty-six

The Coffee County Grand Jury - Elba Division met in regular session on Monday, April 20.

Members of the grand jury were presented evidence in sixty-six cases. Indictments were returned on forty-six of the cases heard.

Forty-four of the indictments were on felonies and two were on misdemeanors.

Four of the cases were continued, fourteen were no billed, and 2 were disposed of in District Court. Arraignments for those individuals indicted are set for Tuesday, May 27, 1997.

Meet Your Elba Police Officers

Meet Police Officer Kevin Burke. Kevin is a native of Elba and has been a member of the Elba Police Department for approximately 10 months.

Officer Burke presently works in the patrol division of the department on second shift.

Kevin graduated from Southwest Alabama Police Academy and has six years of experience in law enforcement. He has also received certification on the Intoxilizer 5000, radar, chemical weapon, and has attended various law enforcement schools.

"I enjoy meeting and helping people," said Burke. "I like solving problems without resorting to violence."

One of Kevin's dislikes is the lack of respect from the public. "People don't show respect to police officers until we are needed and are there for them," said Officer Burke.

Kevin's most memorable experiences as a police officer, so far, has been helping apprehend a fugitive from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and helping bust a drug ring.

The one thing Kevin would like for the people of Elba to know is that "we stand behind the policeman's oath and are here to serve and protect."

Two of Burke's wishes for the department are coming true: the acquiring of more equipment and



getting up-dated cars (two cruisers are soon to be delivered).

Kevin's hobbies include soccer, volleyball, tennis, bike riding, fishing, hunting, and all outdoor activities.

"I wish more things would come to Elba for the enjoyment of entire families, not just the children," said Burke.

"Families could maybe learn to communicate more like in the good ole days," he continued. "Everybody would not be afraid to speak to one another on the streets making Elba a better place to live or visit."

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Deploing the younger generation has been popular since that Roman leader voiced his concern about the deteriorating younger generation. Right here in Coffee County we continue to find young people who don't fit that mold. In fact many of the local young folks are recognized regularly for their above-average performances. Two examples came on the fax machine late Tuesday. Melinda Ellis, a Kinston High junior, and Derek Leuerett, a Zion Chapel sophomore, won awards in a statewide engineering fair last week in Huntsville. There were over 200 children from across Alabama competing in this event. Melinda won second place in Behavioral & Social Science. Senior Division, with her presentation of "Gender equality among generations." Derek competed in the Earth and Space Sciences, Senior Division, and also won second place with "Heat retention." We salute them both!

Regardless of which side of the gambling issue Alabama residents may be, it can't help but be a bit amusing to see the headlines in daily newspapers about dog track owner Milton McGregor buying a beach house near Gulf Shores for \$1.7 million. Just last week he was bemoaning the fact the Alabama dog tracks were going broke, or at least were not making any money. Oh, they also purchased an empty lot next to their \$1.7 million home at a cost of \$374,500. All the talk about needing to change Alabama's laws on gambling may be true, but we don't need to mix that talk with sympathy for the highly successful Milton McGregor. He continues to show that he can take care of himself!

Elba folks cried in 1990 when the floods came. Many did it again in 1994 for the same reason. It seemed the roof was caving in on our little world. That was before the 1997 news reports out of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Now folks, it is incredible! We saw the live TV pictures, but still have a hard time understanding... flooding, freezing and burning, all at the same time. The people of Elba, Alabama have a lot for which to be thankful. It reminds us of the words on the wall of the Coffee County Probate Office, during the long tenure of the late J. O. English. It read: "I cried because I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet."

We predicted several months ago that the massive highway bond issue being proposed by Governor James would not pass. Well that might have been another typographical error, because the bill has passed the Alabama House and is pending in the Senate. It was a surprise, because Representatives across the state voted to use they were strongly opposed to the measure, either the borrowing or the proposed roads to be paved with the money. We will see what happens in the Senate during these final days of the regular session. An economic researcher from Troy State was paraded out this week with "facts" that the highway bond issue would create 13,000 jobs and help get folks off welfare. Interesting, to say the least. How will that \$700 million bond issue balance with Lt. Governor Siegelman's \$239 million bond issue to eliminate the portable classrooms throughout the state? Will they both pass... it is anyone's guess.

On the highway bond issue matter... we are also getting calls about why is the designated bond issue work in Coffee County scheduled for the Elba-Troy highway (Highway 87 North)? Sorry folks we can't answer that question. We were aware of the fact and voiced support for U. S. 84 four-lane but it apparently wasn't changed.

Alabama's Attorney General is correct in writing to the tobacco companies trying to reach a settlement in all the lawsuits against them. He warned them that no nationwide settlement can be complete without the inclusion of Attorney General from those states who have not yet filed any lawsuits. Apparently the tobacco companies have decided to cut their losses if they can get a promise of no more lawsuits. We predict that promise will be hard to get... and to enforce. It will take federal legislation, etc. and a lot of time.



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD...Children from the Elba Headstart Program celebrated the Week of the Young Child last week by participating in a special activity on each day of the week. Last Wednesday, the special activity was a parade through downtown Elba. They, along with their instructors, are pictured above being escorted by two units from the Elba Police Department.

Letters To The Editor Policy

The Elba Clipper encourages its readers to express their comments and views in the form of Letters to the Editor. Letters should not contain libelous material and should be in good taste. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters for style and grammar. Letters should be signed - NO UNSIGNED LETTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED! A phone number should accompany the letter for the purpose of confirming the author of the letter (Phone numbers will not be printed with letters). Address letters to: Letters to the Editor, The Elba Clipper, P.O. Drawer A, Elba, AL 36323.

The Elba Clipper

USPS 171-080
Is published every Thursday by The Elba Clipper,
417 W. Buford St., Elba, Alabama, 36323.
Publication Postage paid at Elba, Alabama 36323

POSTMASTER: Send Address Changes To:
The Elba Clipper, P.O. Box A, Elba, AL 36323

Copyright - All Rights Reserved
TELEPHONE (334) 897-2823 or fax (334) 897-3434

John Ferrin Cox - PUBLISHER
Marvin McIlwain - EDITOR
Ricky Mularz - SPORTS
Heddy J. Cox - BUSINESS MANAGER

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Coffee County & Surrounding Counties - \$15.00 Per Year
6 Months - \$8.00 - Including City & State Tax
Alabama Counties - \$17.00 Per Year - Including Tax
6 Months - \$9.00
Outside Alabama - \$18.00 Per Year - 6 Months - \$10.00

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of April 15, 1997 through April 21, 1997. They were: Dianna Hill, Thelma Scott, Timothy Whitfield, Tony Burks, Ann Wallace, Mary O. Brooks, John Kimmy, Willie Ray Chism, Marcus Odom, Cynthia Cronk, Betty Sams, Lula Wise, Candy Odom, Brianna Daniels, Eva Mae Matthews, Mary Key, and Elaine Thomas. Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Linnie Weatherington, Heather Whitworth, David Johnson, Jewel Kate Youngblood, James Allen, Lucille Stackhouse, Jane Hodge, Opal Westbrook, Dianna Hill, John Kimmy, Mary O. Brooks, Timothy Whitfield, Tony Burks, Willie Chism, Betty Driggers, Ann Wallace, Thelma Scott, Cynthia Cronk, and Marcus Odom.

Look!
Small Ads Do Get Attention!
You're reading one!
Call
THE ELBA CLIPPER
897-2823 Today!!!!

ELBA POLICE REPORT

APRIL 14 THRU APRIL 20, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, April 14, 1997, investigated the following: one assault, two thefts of property, four harassments, two burglaries, four DUIs, two stalkings, one interference with custody, one hit and run, one criminal mischief, and one criminal trespass.

Arrests were as follows: one for harassing communication, one failure to appear, one for harassment, and one for stalking.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: five for speeding, two for running a stop sign, two for reckless driving, four for DUI, and one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, APRIL 14 - Prowler reported at the intersection of Jones and Thomas streets (12:11 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Highway 84W (6:45 a.m.); River stage - 4.96 feet (6:47 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (5:20 p.m.); Fight reported in Mr. Henry's parking lot (9:45 p.m.); Disturbance reported at the intersection of West and Stouemire streets (10:25 p.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire (11:14 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 - River stage - 5.00 feet (6:45 a.m.); Wreck reported at Kelley foods (12:05 p.m.); Wreck reported on Hickman Ave. (12:32 p.m.); Burglary reported on Elm Ave. (5:17 p.m.); Burglary reported on Collier St. (7:55 p.m.); Fight reported on Jackson St. (8:25 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 - River stage - 4.79 feet (6:18 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 - River stage - 4.53 feet (6:24 a.m.); Disturbance reported at the Riviera Motel (7:34 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Stouemire St. (11:58 a.m.).

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - River stage - 5.01 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Woodland Dr. (5:15 a.m.); Disturbance (loud music) on Simmons St. (8:57 p.m.).

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Statement On Children First Initiative

by Chief Justice Perry O. Hooper

The "Children First" Plan is a critical step to resolving Alabama's discipline and crime problems. Every year, politicians rebuke crime and violence. Rhetoric is soothing to the ears of voters, but only action mends the conscious.

"Children First" is about action. Alabama teachers have spoken loudly that discipline is their number one concern. For decades, youth violence has paralyzed a countless number of students' learning ability, has jeopardized the health and safety of thousands of citizens and has put many of our young people in the crosshairs of death and social deicide.

Let us heed the call of our teachers, who we entrust with our children five days a week, and let us give them the ability to overcome their despair.

"Children First" will help the marginal students grow, and hopefully implementing the plan will stop the poor ones from following a path of self-destruction so early in life.

For too long we have ignored

the good students in the classroom and at the ball field. Instead we have had to direct our attention to the mischief-makers and bad influences.

It is time to have tough love for our young people who are on the brink of reckless endangerment to themselves and others. We have to suck the disease out of the system and put the problem in perspective.

From 1986 to 1996, new filings in the Court of Criminal Appeals increased 53 percent. Over the same period filings in the circuit courts have increased 38 percent. Juvenile problems have significantly contributed to these increases.

Solving the juvenile justice problem includes deterrence and education. Additional funding must come forward to provide the tools "Children First" offers.

During this session of the Legislature we have an opportunity to dramatically influence the outcome of all our children's lives. Passing the "Children First" Plan will not be the panacea to all our problems, but it will provide teachers the ability to take back the classroom and return our streets to our cities."

Without action, our courts will serve merely as processing centers to send our troubled youth to jail. Sending these young people to

Smoking Kills

*Smoking killed about 417,000 Americans in 1990

*Smoking is linked to 175,000 to 200,000 of all heart and blood vessel disease deaths

*Smoking costs the U.S. about \$50 billion in annual medical care

*Every day about 3,000 young Americans start smoking

©1996, American Heart Association

DuBose Realty

Jim J. DuBose - Broker/Owner

LISTING 246 - 120 acres near New Brockton. Excellent for hunting, homesite, or investment.

LISTING 265 - 2800 sq. ft. commercial building with easy access to US 231. Located in Pike County. Busy location!! Invest in the right direction!! Sale Price \$70,000.

LISTING 264 - This beautifully decorated 3-bedroom, 2-bath country home is situated on approximately 1 acre and has lots of extras, including built-in entertainment center, pool and barn. Fulfill a dream to own for only \$46,500!

LISTING 267 - Hobbies! Kids! Friends! All take up room! With this 3200+/- sq. ft. home with pool, gameroom and lots of extras situated on 4 acres in Ino Community, you're prepared! Sale price \$129,900.

LISTING 268 - Near Country Club, 1794 Highland Dr. This 2-story home has approximately 2000 sq. ft. with 4 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, formal dining room, livingroom, den with fireplace, large storage room, and excellent garden spot. Sale Price \$93,900.

LISTING 269 - 22+/- acres with building, small pond, and grain silo with frontage on paved highway. Excellent for raising livestock or home site. Sale Price \$50,000.

LISTING 270 - Triple bath convenience, oak kitchen cabinets and beautiful hardwood floors are among the extras you'll find in this beautifully decorated brick home situated on 3 acres. You must see to believe! Sale Price \$97,000.

LISTING 271 - 7.7 acres complete with septic tank, deep well, power pole, telephone cable, security light. Ready for mobile home or building. Sale Price \$15,000.

LISTING 272 - Mini-Farm Provides Maximum Pleasure! This 25+/- acres has small pond, 14x30 mobile home, 2 deep wells, fencing, and lots of shade trees for enjoying the peace and quiet of country living. Realize your dreams! Sale Price \$54,000.

LISTING 273 - Large 3-bedroom, 1-bath wood frame house with fenced yard, located in New Brockton. Sale Price \$25,000.

DO YOU WANT TO SELL YOUR REAL ESTATE?

LOTS - ACREAGE - BUSINESSES - HOUSES - (ALL SIZES)

DuBose Realty

Jim DuBose
Broker/Owner 897-5687 - Home

Karen Collins
Associate Broker/Sales (334) 897-3176 - Home

Day Phone (334) 897-3456 Night Phone (334) 897-5687

No One Knows The Country Like We Do

Customer Appreciation Day

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Saluting all our friends and customers during
Alabama Community Banking Week

Come visit us any time Thursday and Friday.
Take time to chat with us and sample
from our refreshment tables

Elba & New Brockton

The Peoples Bank

Member FDIC



Jim & Jesse

Jim & Jesse to perform at Elba Music Park

Grand Ole Opry stars Jim and Jesse and the Virginia Boys will be performing at Heart of Dixie Music Park this weekend, Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26.

The performers will be celebrating their 50th year in the entertainment business, and chose to mark the anniversary by returning to the Wrensburg area where their career began.

As young entertainers they

moved from Carfax, Va., to south west Georgia, and became regulars on a weekly television show on Channel 4, WTVY, in Dothan, which lasted for 12 years.

In 1964, they became members of the Grand Ole Opry and moved to Gallatin, Tenn.

The music park is located 4 miles west of Elba on Hwy 84 (old 166). For more information call Roger or Pat Boothe at 1-800-695-6830.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to: Mr. Mitchell Harris, H&L Construction, 334/566-4541; Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, 334/347-8166; or Mr. Brian L. Corbin, Project Engineer, 334/899-4111.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to: Mr. Mitchell Harris, H&L Construction, 334/566-4541; Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, 334/347-8166; or Mr. Brian L. Corbin, Project Engineer, 334/899-4111.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to: Mr. Mitchell Harris, H&L Construction, 334/566-4541; Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, 334/347-8166; or Mr. Brian L. Corbin, Project Engineer, 334/899-4111.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to: Mr. Mitchell Harris, H&L Construction, 334/566-4541; Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, 334/347-8166; or Mr. Brian L. Corbin, Project Engineer, 334/899-4111.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to: Mr. Mitchell Harris, H&L Construction, 334/566-4541; Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, 334/347-8166; or Mr. Brian L. Corbin, Project Engineer, 334/899-4111.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to: Mr. Mitchell Harris, H&L Construction, 334/566-4541; Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, 334/347-8166; or Mr. Brian L. Corbin, Project Engineer, 334/899-4111.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to: Mr. Mitchell Harris, H&L Construction, 334/566-4541; Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, 334/347-8166; or Mr. Brian L. Corbin, Project Engineer, 334/899-4111.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to: Mr. Mitchell Harris, H&L Construction, 334/566-4541; Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, 334/347-8166; or Mr. Brian L. Corbin, Project Engineer, 334/899-4111.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to: Mr. Mitchell Harris, H&L Construction, 334/566-4541; Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, 334/347-8166; or Mr. Brian L. Corbin, Project Engineer, 334/899-4111.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to: Mr. Mitchell Harris, H&L Construction, 334/566-4541; Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, 334/347-8166; or Mr. Brian L. Corbin, Project Engineer, 334/899-4111.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to: Mr. Mitchell Harris, H&L Construction, 334/566-4541; Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, 334/347-8166; or Mr. Brian L. Corbin, Project Engineer, 334/899-4111.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Cox,
Enclosed please find my check for renewal of my subscription to The Elba Clipper.

I first began receiving the Clipper last year when my grandmother, Lena Fuller, gave me a gift subscription for my birthday. She obviously got the idea for the gift after noticing how on my family's visits back to the Elba area I would always read all the Clippers that she would have around her home.

I left the State of Alabama shortly after graduating from Auburn in the mid-1980's, and my family and I have lived in the Denver, Col., area now for almost seven years.

Although we truly love the area and everything that the large metropolitan area offers, I really enjoy receiving the Clipper and the feel of

small-town Alabama that it brings back.

It's great to occasionally read about some of the people I went to school with in Elba and see many names that I remember from the years I lived there.

I remember Ricky Mularz from my days playing city and school sports in the mid-1970's when he was just getting involved with those activities, and it's almost like nothing has changed except he's gotten older and has kids of his own just like me.

Anyway, keep up the good work you guys do and keep sending me the Clipper!

Sincerely,
TONY BRINKMEIER

That's it! That's what I've been searching for. Uncle Bob said it: "That, more than anything else, is the reason I'm a writer - because my mother read to me."

This Uncle Bob is not Andalusia, Ala.'s "Uncle Bob," but he is just as great a guy as Andalusia's "Uncle Bob" is.

The "Uncle Bob" of whom I speak is Elba, Alabama's and Charlotte, N.C.'s native son and adopted son respectively. He is Robert Inman, whose third novel, *Daddy Queen Days* was recently published.

His first published novel, *Home Fires Burning*, was adapted into a Hallmark Hall of Fame TV movie in 1989. He published his second novel, *Old Dogs and Children*, in 1991.

And, he accomplished all of this while he maintained his full-time job as television news anchor for WBTV in Charlotte, N.C. No small feat.

Let's change gears for a moment. Think of all the juvenile violence, maiming and killing occurring in rural and urban America today. A recent published report had rural area juvenile judges pleading for more juvenile detention space for 8-year-olds, 11-year-olds, and 12-year-olds, who committed serious offenses.

The usual contemporary solution is to throw more money at the problem and raise our taxes to pay for the throwing.

Let's revisit Uncle Bob's statement and change one word so it will read: "That, more than anything else, is the reason I'm successful, because my mother read to me."

Mother - and where there is an identifiable father - read to your infant, then later to your young child. Turn off the television. Remove noise. Is that a lost art? Suitable books for any age can be found in your local church, city or county library.

Parents, it - taking the high road - starts with you, your child and a book. Also, consider "throwing" your TV into a suitable waste depository because most of what the box that squawks speccout is garbage.

In late March, 1997, Uncle Bob visited his Andalusia friends enroute to a book signing in Mobile. He had just turned 30 years.

The reason I call him Uncle Bob and he calls me Uncle John.

JOHN B. GIVHAN
1009 Stafford Ct.
Andalusia, AL 36420
334/222-2929

TAYLOR MILL OAKS

"A Place To Call Home"



Taylor Mill Oaks, an assisted living residence, will provide an elegant, comfortable, and secure environment for older adults. Happiness, good health, and independence will be achieved with an individually tailored program of personal assistance.

We are accepting applications
and will be open May 1, 1997.
Let us provide you with the care you deserve
in a beautiful home-like atmosphere.

334-897-2820 334-897-3776
2805 Taylor Mill Road Elba, AL

END OF THE MONTH SPECIALS

at Cook Chevrolet

1997 FORD EXPLORER

1996 TAHOE 4 wheel drive

1995 CAMRY

1996 BUICK CENTURY

1995 CAMRY

1995 CHEVROLET BLAZER

1993 CADILLAC SEDAN DEVILLE

1996 LUMINA

1996 15 PASSENGER VAN
Great Church Van

1995 MONTE CARLO

1994 EXT CAB Z-71 4 X 4

1994 BLAZER - Blue

THE IDEAL TIME TO PURCHASE THE IDEAL AUTOMOBILE!!

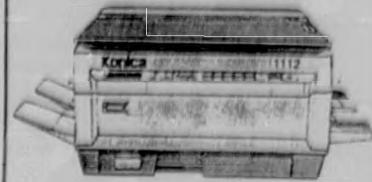
Cook Chevrolet

"Drive a Little, Save A Lot" Hwy 87 North Elba, AL 36323 Phone 897-2297 • 1-800-422-4680 "Drive a Little, Save A Lot"

Geneva River Festival set for April 25th

The Geneva Festival on the River will be held Friday, April 25. Line-up will be at 4 p.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse and the parade will begin at approximately 4:30. Any individual or group is invited to participate. For more information call Diane H. Coffey at 684-2880 or Wynnton Melton at 684-2046.

KONICA 1112 Plain Paper Copier



Only \$1295.00
WALKER Business Machines
222-6255 or 1-800-932-0500



ARITON CHURCH OF CHRIST will observe Open House of their new building on Sunday, April 27. Morning services will include Sunday School at 9 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m. A special congregational singing will be held at 2 p.m. and Open House from 3 - 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Elba Propane Gas Company

606 Buford Street Elba, AL 36323
897-2877 894-5511
Cook for 1/2 Heat for 1/2
Heat Water for 1/2 Dry Clothes for 1/3

"Serving Southeast Alabama for 49 years"

YOUR SUPER SAVINGS CHEVROLET/Geo DEALERS ANNOUNCE:

SPECIAL SHIPMENTS HAVE ARRIVED



"They're coming...to your Super Savings Chevrolet Geo Dealers. Hundreds of Chevy Full Size Trucks have just been delivered and with option package discounts totaling \$1,250, the factory's going to have to work overtime to keep up with demand! Hurry in before this offer passes you by."

the 1997 Chevy C/K TRUCKS



\$1,250

Option Package Discount

See Your Local Super Savings Chevy/Geo Dealer!

Cook Chevrolet/Geo
Elba

SUPER SAVINGS
CHEVY GEO DEALERS

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Matthew 14:1-21
***Thinking of you, praying for you!

Dora Belcher, Baby Elijah Whitfield, Rev. E. Magwood, Barbara Caldwell, the Polmar family, J.C. Brooks, Charles S. Hooks, Mary B. Belcher, John L. Bullard, Annie Pearl Bullard, Faye Manning, Christopher Baldwin Day.
***Birthdays - April: Cleaven Williams - April 23
***Motivation: Be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to allow the presence of trouble.

Debbie Kimbro, author of "The Emcee will be Ruby Coleman; processional - Bethlehem choralists: Bethlehem Jr., Young Adult and Sr. Choralists will render music before the service.
Rev. Darryl Caldwell - Prayer and Scripture; welcome and occasion - Ruby Tillis, Special guest - St. Matthew Mass Choir, Brantley. During song service all choralists will render an A and B selection.

Offering, remarks, benediction and dismissal.
***Annual Spring Revival will be held at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, Enterprise, April 28 - May 2, at 7:15 nightly, Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr., pastor.

Revival Evangelist - Rev. N. Larkin, pastor of Sweet Pilgrim Baptist Church, Brundidge, Theme - "A Reviving During Troubled Times."

Scripture reference - "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, I will revive me; Thy right hand shall save me." Psalm 138:7.

Order of Service: Devotion by visiting officers. The choir will render music. Scripture and prayer - offering by officers. Hymn of preparation. Rev. C.A. Hammond will introduce the speaker, Rev. N. Larkin, pastor of Sweet Pilgrim Baptist Church, Brundidge. Invitation to discipleship, remarks, announcements and benediction.
Monday, April 28, 7:15 p.m.
Devotion - Pleasant Shade, Pleasant Grove and Union Grove, Music - Pleasant Grove Praise Choir
Tuesday, April 29, 7:15 p.m.
Devotion - Friendship, Shady Grove, Denville, Christ Church, Music - Friendship Male Chorus

Wednesday, April 30, 7:15 p.m.
Devotion - Greater Springfield, Mt. Zion and Pea River, Music - Mt. Zion Mass Choir

Thursday, May 1, 7:15 p.m.
Devotion - Poplar Spring, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star and Johns Chapel A.M.E. Music - Poplar Spring

Friday, May 2, 7:15 p.m.
Devotion - Sweet Pilgrim, St. Beulah and New Zion A.M.E. Music - Sweet Pilgrim

***12th Anniversary
The Shiloh Baptist Church family of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Tarentum Community, Brundidge, will celebrate the 12th anniversary of their pastor, Rev. A.R. Williams and family, Sunday, May 4, at 11 a.m. during the morning worship service.

The sermon will be by Rev. Jerome Williams, pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Panama City, Fla.
***The Thirty-third Annual Youth Rally, sponsored by the Dept. of Christian Education of the Southeast District State Convention, Alabama Missionary Baptist, will be held Saturday, May 3.
Theme: "The church boldly taking hold by educating and ministering to parents, youth and the community as we approach the year 2000." Titus 2:1-6
Host church - Weeping Willow Missionary Baptist Church, 2925 Forbes Rd., Montgomery, Rev. Leon Ross, pastor.

Place: Carver High School, 2001 West Fairview Ave., Montgomery
Officers:
President - Br. Anthony Benford, Vice President - Secretary - Bro. Taron Collins; Historian - Laymen's - Bro. Jason Brown; Dr. O.L. Gamble, Director, Dept. of Christian Education

Dr. A.B. Clark, Director Emeritus, Dept. of Christian Education; Rev. John H. Curry Jr., Dean, Dept. of Christian Education; Rev. J.G. Chalmers - State Missionary, Southeast District State Convention; Sis. Ida Jackson - President, Women's Dept., District State Convention Bro. Nelcy Bailey - President, Laymen's Dept., District State Convention; Sis. Ethel Fallin - President, Women's Dept., Alabama Missionary Baptist State Convention; Bro. Richard Showers - President, Laymen's Dept., Alabama Missionary Baptist State Convention; Dr. Julius Scruggs - President, Alabama Missionary Baptist Convention; Dr. V.J. Coleman - President, Southeast District State Convention

Committees:
Program - Sis. Rosie Bedgood, Sis. Mattie Coston, Sis. Esther Foster, Sis. Clintonia P. Knight, Rev. Naaman Wright, Dr. L.C. McMillan, Sis. Augusta M. Sylves, Dr. E.J. Terrell, Bro. T. Collins, Rev. James Watts, and Dr. O.L. Gamble
Ushers - Coordinator - Sis. Maglene Stringer, Counselor, Ushers Dept., Southeast District State Convention

1. Bro. James Hooks, Nazareth Baptist Church, Opp
2. Bro. Kurt Neudes, Weeping Willow Baptist Church, Montgomery
3. Bro. Chris Harvey, Antioch Baptist Church, Banks
4. Sis. Makeda Pinkney, Revelation Baptist Church, Montgomery
5. Sis. Kandice Pinkney, Revelation Baptist Church, Montgomery
6. Bro. Donald Siler, Bethel Baptist Church, Foley
7. Bro. Arlo Jones, New Shiloh Baptist Church, Troy
8. Bro. Mack Hines, Nazareth Baptist Church, Opp
Registration/Finance: Dr. L.C. McMillan, Sis. Mattie Coston, Sis. Clintonia P. Knight

***Question: By using what new type of equipment did Eric Banks, first African-American player for the Chicago Cubs, change the game of baseball?
Answer: A light bat.
Notable Quote: "Isn't it a shame? A black man invented the clock and we still have black folks who don't know what time it is." - Jewell McCale, founder, Coalition of 100 Black Women - African American Calendar
Today is a good day! Be grateful. Eris



William E. (Bill) Cooper, Sr. of Enterprise, exerts in meaningful things by determination and faith in God.

William E. (Bill) Cooper, a native of Dothan, is the son of the late Robert J. Cooper Sr. and the late Sis. Marie K. Cooper.
He had one brother, the late Robert J. Cooper Jr., and has one sister, Elizabeth.

He is married to the former Cletice Moore, and to this union were born three children: William E. (Spud) Cooper Jr., Pamela Celeste, and Robert J. Cooper III; one grandson - Calvin T. Lane.

He attended the public schools of Dothan, graduated from Carver High School, attended Alabama State University, in Montgomery, where he obtained a B.S. and Master's Degree in Music Education - E.D.S. Educational Specialist, administrator, and has 25 hours on his PhD in Administration.

His employment record includes band director - Enterprise City Schools; Band Master - Coppinville Jr. High; assistant band director - Enterprise High School, 34 years of service.

He is the first black to serve on the Board of Directors of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce; the first black to serve on the Planning and Industrial Board; first black elected to the Enterprise City Council, serves as president of the council in Music Education - E.D.S. Educational Specialist, administrator, and has 25 hours on his PhD in Administration.

Member of Theta Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, member of Alabama National League of Municipalities, member Enterprise Education Association, Alabama Education Association, and National Education Association; member of Music Educators National Conference; member of Boy Scouts of America; advisor to the Boys Club, member District VIII Band Directors Association.

Mr. Cooper was ordained a deacon at age 21 (the youngest) at First Missionary Baptist Church, Dothan; past minister of Music, Baptist Union of Music Educators, Baptist Church, Enterprise, a past Minister of Music, new a member of the Deacon Board.

Serves as director of the city choir, Golden Singers of Enterprise. Motto - "If I can help somebody day by day, then my living will not be in vain. With God as my guide, I will try to do all I can while I can." (This is Bill's way!) "I will play my music for God on the trumpet."

Teacher of the Year 1969, Man of the Year (black) - 1979, Man of the Year - First Missionary Baptist Church, 1975.
William E. Cooper knew from experience what it takes to excel in meaningful things: determination and faith in God!

April - Youth Need to Know African American History - Monthly Motivation: Thoughts have power, thoughts have energy, and you can make your world or break it by your own thinking. Susan Taylor, editor-in-chief, Essence Magazine.
***Did you know? One out of every ten, or a total of 5,570, servicemen killed in the Vietnam War were African-Americans.
***Question: By using what new type of equipment did Eric Banks, first African-American player for the Chicago Cubs, change the game of baseball?
Answer: A light bat.
Notable Quote: "Isn't it a shame? A black man invented the clock and we still have black folks who don't know what time it is." - Jewell McCale, founder, Coalition of 100 Black Women - African American Calendar
Today is a good day! Be grateful. Eris

LIBRARY NOTES
All overdue books may be returned to the Elba Public Library on Friday, April 25, without any overdue charge.



THE INSPIRATIONS, along with The Davis Brothers, will be singing at Ino Baptist Church on Saturday night, April 26, at 7 o'clock. Ino Baptist is located on Hwy. 134 between Opp and Enterprise.

PASTOR'S CORNER

W. K. ELLISON
HARRIS TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.

Biblical hope

Ps. 33:18-19 - "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine."

By its very nature, hope concerns the future. However, it involves much more than a mere desire or wish for something in the future. Biblical hope consists of assurance in the heart, even a firm confidence, concerning future things because these things are based on God's promises and revelation. In other words, Biblical hope is linked inseparably with a firm faith and a confident trust in God. Consequently, the sure hope of the believer is a hope that "maketh not ashamed," does not disappoint us as empty promises.

Hope then is an anchor for the believer in the midst of life. The foundation for the believer's confident hope derives from the nature of God, of Jesus Christ, and of God's Word. Scripture reveals how God proves Himself faithfully on behalf of His people.
The full revelation of the new covenant in Jesus Christ provides even more reason for a confident hope in God. For believers, the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). By casting out demons during His earthly ministry, Jesus demonstrated His power over Satan. Moreover, by His death and resurrection He shattered the power of Satan's realm and exhibited the power of God's kingdom. Jesus is therefore called our hope; we must set our hope on Him through the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's Word is a basis of hope. God revealed His Word through holy prophets and apostles of old, whom He inspired by the Holy Spirit to write without error. Since His Word is forever fixed in the heavens, we must therefore place our hope in that Word. In fact, everything that we know about God and Jesus Christ is revealed in the infallible Scriptures.
With such great promises in store for those who hope in God and in His Son Jesus, Peter admonishes us: "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." (1 Peter 3:15)

Enterprise First Assembly to host Missions Convention

Enterprise First Assembly of God, located on the 84 by-pass across from Wal-Mart, will host a "Jesus Reigns in the Desert" Missions Convention Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27.
The convention will begin Saturday, April 26, with a sampling of international cuisine followed by various missions activities.
Missionaries will be on hand to answer questions concerning missions work.
The convention will continue on Sunday morning at 10:40 a.m. with special guest speaker and missionary to India, Rev. Vernon Davis.
The evening service at 6 o'clock will feature guest speaker, Rev. Ron McLean, an Enterprise native, who is a missionary to Germany.
Pastor Hollis Bradley extends to the public a special invitation to April 26 and before Mother's Day May 11.
The help of those persons with connections to the cemetery is requested.

Bethany Baptist Church plans homecoming activities for Sunday, April 27

Homecoming services will be held at Bethany Baptist Church, Rt. 1, New Brockton, on Sunday, April 27.

Promise keepers to have meeting in Dothan

The "Wiregrass Men of Integrity" will host a Promise Keepers Wake-Up Call at the Dothan Civic Center on April 29, beginning at 7 p.m. Speakers will be Dr. He Reighard and Bishop Wellington Boone. Boone has ministered to thousands of men in recent years through the Promise Keepers ministry.

In addition to speakers Reighard and Boone, there will be plenty of praise and worship.
A "Wake-Up Call" serves several purposes, according to a spokesman for the Promise Keepers.
First of all, to "wake up" men with the Word of God, to challenge them to become Christ-like.

Secondly, it introduces the ministry of Promise Keepers to those who have never experienced its life-changing message.
"Promise Keepers is a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to uniting men through vital relationships to become godly influences in their world."
Thirdly, this Wake-Up Call will fire men up for the national Promise Keepers meeting, to be held in Birmingham May 30-31.

Mt. Gilead to have homecoming Sunday, April 27

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church will observe Homecoming Sunday, April 27.
Rev. Fred Fowler will bring the morning message, and Bonnie Collier will lead the singing.
The Davis Family of Ino will be guest singers in the afternoon.
Everyone with interest in Mt. Gilead Church is invited to attend. The church is located on R.L.3, Elba.

Work day set for Danley Cross Roads Cemetery

A "Family" work day will be held at Danley's Crossroads Cemetery on Saturday, April 26.
According to a spokesman for the cemetery, this work day is for the specific and sole purpose of cleaning family burial plots, which will include cleaning around coping, applying weed killer, and weeding around headstones and slabs as needed; and is not the general cleaning of the cemetery grounds, parking areas, fences, which will be done by the perpetual care program.
Interested persons are advised that the general cemetery cleaning will be done after "Family Day" on April 26 and before Mother's Day May 11.

The help of those persons with connections to the cemetery is requested.
There will be a Gospel Sing at the True Gospel Chapel Saturday, April 26, beginning at 7 p.m.
Featured group will be "The Light House String Ensemble" from Union Springs, a country gospel group.
The group performed at the Olympic Games in Birmingham this past summer.
The chapel is located at 836 Troy Highway in Elba, across from Clark Furniture.
It is requested that everyone attending bring a canned food item for the church's outreach ministry.

Church Directory

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kinston, Danny Bradshaw
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy J. Radd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 6:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Paul
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6:15 p.m.
Wed. Service 6:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Marvin Ennis
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Bernard Strickland
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Lotton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 6:00 p.m.

FATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Darryl Sherrer
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHURCH OF GOD
Lamar Dean
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Walter Paulk
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lee Sweet-Patterson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Serv. 7:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Rev. & Mrs. Shelia F. Frazier
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Serv. 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanczy-Minister
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J.K. Parks-Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays 11:00 a.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Billy F. McCollough-Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:00 p.m.

MT. ZION HOLINESS
James Bryan-Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 7:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Eddie Davis
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Richard Moore
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Charles Shiloh
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Jack Wilkins
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

MILBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST
R. R. Williams
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class Meet. 6:30 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION
Mary Seavey
Sunday Morning Services 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Hiron, Linda Williams
Sunday 11 a.m.
Sun. Even. 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. 7:30 p.m.

NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Coker Davis
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
J.K. Parks-Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST
Ehret Smith
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:00 p.m.

NEW KNEEZER BAPTIST
Charles Shiloh
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
J.C. Turner
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST
Seahen Weston
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lorelei Flowers
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays 11:30 a.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Mike Medley
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A.R. Williams
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays 11:30 a.m.

ROSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE A.M.E.
Rev. P.L. Flowers
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Campbell Sasser
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Ben Ameling
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Tony Dye
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Dorothy Maddox
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. Meet. 7:00 p.m.

These church listings are sponsored by:

Whitman Drug Co., Dorsey Trailers, SouthTrust Bank & The Elba Clipper

MARTIN'S, INC.

On The Square Elba, AL 897-2216

Remember - Mother's Day is May 11

We have gifts to suit mothers of all ages

FREE GIFT WRAPPING!

50th Anniversary Sale "Sale Begins April 28" Up to 50% Off Storewide

The Jewel Box
Serving Elba Since 1947
Present ownership since 1980

ATTENTION PARENTS AND TEACHERS



Enterprise Preparatory Academy is accepting applications for the 1997-98 school year from all eligible students and certified teachers for Kindergarten through Sixth Grade.
Enterprise Preparatory Academy will foster high academic standards in a Christian Environment.
For more information call 393-3063.

Member of Alabama Independent School Association

... of Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge - Colossians 2:3

Social and Community News



Pictured above are sixth-grade students who participated in the Accelerated Reading Program

Elba Elementary sixth grade students participate in reading program

During the 1996-97 school year, Ms. Lee's sixth-grade reading students participated in a program in conjunction with Pizza Hut which has allowed them to earn individual pizzas and to win a class pizza party. Requirements were to read two books on assigned grade levels and pass the Accelerated Reading Tests on those books with a score of 80

percent or higher.

Students who completed all five months of the program earned medals and certificates. Students who completed four out of the five months attended the pizza party on March 27, which 40 sixth-graders enjoyed, with pizza supplied by Pizza Hut.

Students completing five months

were: Justin Allen, Bart Barnes, Brandon Berhens, Michael Bryan, Chris Bryant, Chris Brunson, Mandrell Carpenter, Julian Coleman, Michael Conely, Jason Curran, Cherelle Edwards, Sheena Flowers, Billy Gibson, Blake Lambert, Freddy Mallory, Lagina Mack, Erin Marler, Brandon Petty, Stephen Pope, Zack Praytor, Carla Roberts, Melissa Sanders, Colby Skinner, Deann Smith, Joshua Tice, Kristy Ward, Matthew Williams, Samantha Williams.

Those completing four months of the program were Kesia Blenn, Joseph Chandler, Larry Conely, Alan Cooper, Elizabeth Farris, Justin Hall, Channing Hooks, Alicia Hudson, Doug Kyles, Anthony Parrish, Courtney Turner, and Danae Ware. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Doggett assisted the students in achieving their goals.



Glenda F. Weeks

Glenda F. Weeks
Rt. 3 Box 260
Elba, AL
Ph No: 897-3304

Liberty National
Life Insurance Company
A Torchmark Company

Blackman reunion held April 12

The descendants of John W. and Zilpha Blackman had their first reunion on April 12 at the American Legion building in Elba, with 84 family members attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackman had 11 children, six of whom are still living. They are: Mrs. Mallie Hudson, Mr. Lex Blackman, Mr. Bennie Blackman, all of Elba; Mrs. Quinine Gilchrist, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. Fleeter Slaton and Mrs. Mary Spencer, Andalusia.

All but Mrs. Spencer were present at the reunion, and she was absent due to the illness of her husband.

Mrs. Hudson was 90 years old on the 11th of April, and her birthday was also celebrated at the reunion. She is the oldest of the six living children.

Family members attended from as far as Columbus, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla. Another reunion is planned for April of next year.

Moore family reunion held in Elba recently

The sons and daughters of the late Robert H. and Allie Mae Moore held their annual family reunion April 5 and 6 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore on Smith Avenue in Elba.

Saturday night the group enjoyed a fish fry, and on Sunday a covered dish meal was featured.

The family met and admired the newest member of the family, little Jacob Hillbrand.

Family members in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and Rachel, Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. Linda McWaters, Brundidge; Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Flowers, Haley; Jonathan, Jack; Ms. Onie Dawson, Brewton; Ms. Jewell Mallory, Brundidge; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Mallo-ry, Andalusia; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, Elba; Mrs. Patsy Carter, Thomasville; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hillbrand, Andrew and Jacob, Opelika; Miss Meredith Carter, Auburn; Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Moore, New Orleans, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Moore, Mandeville, La.; Ms. Arlene Moore Foni, Murren, La.; Ms. Irene Wilkes and Edward, Troy.

Guests present were Mr. Burl Mayo, New Orleans, La., and Josh Flowers, Jack.

There will be a meeting of eighth-grade students and their parents tonight, Thursday, April 24, beginning at 6 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The meeting will address school curriculum, block scheduling, credits for graduation, advanced and general diplomas, new graduation requirements set forth by the State Dept. of Education, and other topics of interest.

"Due to the new graduation requirements, this meeting will be very important for you as parents to attend," said Michael Carnley, Guidance Counselor. "Your child, as a ninth-grade student next school year, will be required to graduate under these new requirements."

Carnley further stated, "Parents, it is important that your child be guided in the right direction over the next four years, and your input is necessary."

Letters about the meeting are being sent to all eighth-grade parents.

Deadline For
Social News Is
Monday!!!

'JOAN NOBLES' WILD WREATHS & BASKETS
Vine Wreaths and Baskets Made-to-order
LOW PRICES-NO MIDDLEMAN
DELIVERY
Wreath Making Classes
334-565-9237 - Let Ring



Miss Amanda Leigh Gooden

Gooden-King to be united in marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Gooden announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda Leigh, to Derrick Wylie King of Opp, son of Winston King of Opp and Shirley Rostro of Geneva.

The bride-elect is the grand daughter of Ruby Bryant of Opp and the late Beamon Bryant, and of Sara Gooden of Opp and the late Bryon Gooden.

She is a 1994 graduate of Opp June 7 at five o'clock in the afternoon, High School and is currently a senior at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Opp Church of Christ, at Troy State University. In the fall, she will complete requirements for a B.S. degree in Elementary Education.

FFA State Degrees Earned

by Ashley Thomas
Julie Carter and Ashley Thomas, two Zion Chapel seniors, recently earned their FFA State Degrees. Julie has been an active member of the Future Farmers of America for six years and is currently serving as president of Zion's FFA Chapter. Ashley has been an active member of Zion's FFA Chapter for six years and is currently serving as sentinel of the chapter.

In order to be eligible to receive the state FFA Degree, Julie and Ashley were



JULIE CARTER

ASHLEY THOMAS

required to meet several minimum qualifications. They each must have previously earned their Chapter FFA Degree, must have been an active FFA member for at least two years, and must have completed at least two years of agricultural education. Also they must have earned and productively invested at least \$1000 in their Supervised Agricultural Experience Program, worked at least 300 hours, demonstrated leadership ability, participated in planning and completion of chapter events, and participated in at least five FFA activities above the chapter level.

The Zion Chapel Rebels baseball team was named Coffee County Champions after playing in the Coffee County Baseball Tournament in Kinston.

Wade Parker was the winning pitcher for the Rebels against the Kinston Bulldogs. Leading hitters were Billy Kelly,

* Rebels County Champ *

by Courtney Moran
The Zion Chapel Rebels baseball team was named Coffee County Champions after playing in the Coffee County Baseball Tournament in Kinston.

Wade Parker was the winning pitcher for the Rebels against the Kinston Bulldogs. Leading hitters were Billy Kelly,

Brad Ashby, and Buddy Maddox. The Rebels defeated the Bulldogs 4-2. In the second game Billy Kelly was the winning pitcher against the New Brocton Gamecocks. Leading hitters were Marcus Taylor, Patrick Oglesby, Jerod Jirright, Walter Herron, and Justin Law. The Rebels defeated the Gamecocks 6-5.

Moran Player Of Week

Courtney Moran, a member of the girls varsity basketball team, is the second athlete from Zion Chapel to win the Player of the Week award.

Players who receive this award are spotlighted for their exceptional performance on the court. Courtney demonstrates this by being the leading scorer for the Rebels and also by being one of the top ten in scoring in the area. When asked how she felt about winning the award, Courtney said, "I am very happy and surprised."

CB&T Bank and the Enterprise Ledger sponsor this award.

Lamar Loftin and Patty Adkinson, representatives from CB&T Bank, presented Courtney with a plaque and took pictures in the Zion Chapel auditorium.

A fashion show was the highlight of the workshop. It was led by Paula Curtis. An awards presentation was then given by Joan Hobbs, who is the sponsor of the Zion Chapel FFA chapter. Rev. Ben Amberg gave the invocation before being dismissed for lunch.

FBLA Meets

by Heather Vaughan
A discussion of the rules to be followed, the activities that would take place, and correct attire for the state conference was the focus of the agenda for a recent Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) meeting. This year's convention was held in Montgomery.

Mrs. Rachel Bryan, FBLA sponsor, stressed the importance of proper behavior for the conference. The members were reminded that they were representing Zion Chapel and that they should follow the same rules as if they were at school.

In next week's paper there will be a complete report of conference activities.

Land Judging

The 1997 land judging team has begun their practice for the county competition. The members on the team have to be able to tell about the surface texture, permeability, depth of soil, slope, erosion, soil drainage, and the major limiting factors to determine the land capability class. The members of the land judging team are Ashley Thomas, Susan Sisson, Eric Shaddix, and Brad Ashby.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Ms. Ann Waters Dewberry donated the collection which consists of tree fossils, arrow heads, New Hope iron ore, coal, rock samples, and limestone. Needle fish, torpie fish, moon snail, hermit crab, croaker, bay wiff, Squid, Grunt, Blue Kummert, and Spanish Mackerel are also part of the collection. Ms. Dewberry has been working on this collection for 30 years.

Alcure Attends Youth Tour

by Amber Shiver
Timothy Alcure, a Zion Chapel senior, attended the South Alabama Electric Co-operative Youth Tour Conference in Montgomery.

The conference began as the students met at the South Alabama Electric Co-operative Youth Tour Conference in Montgomery.

Those students attending the conference checked into their hotel, the East Holiday Inn. They then went to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival to see the play "Lady Frederick." They were then treated to dinner at the Embassy Suites ballroom.

On Wednesday the students toured the State Capitol, the Alabama State House, the Museum of Fine Arts, and Archives and History. That evening they were treated again to dinner at the Embassy Suites ballroom.

The conference ended on Thursday with a behind the scenes tour of the Shakespeare Festival and an awards banquet. The students were entertained at the banquet by the "Fox Brothers," a country music band.



TIMOTHY ALCURE

One student was chosen from each area school to attend the conference.

Drug Dog Visits ZCES

by Bridget Money
Jack Herbert of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department brought Fern, a drug dog, to Zion Chapel Elementary School.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for the fifth grade Zion Chapel students.

ent types of drug paraphernalia. This was presented to the fifth grade class under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Jones.

Donnie Farris is the Dare Officer with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. He put together the dare program for

Views from

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie is one of the easiest children in the world to please, and now that her age group is getting ready to begin their softball season, she is thrilled every time her team practices. She loves to play ball, but most of all she loves to be with the other children and be outside having fun. When the first game rolls around she will be all dressed up in her uniform and will be beaming with pride and excitement when she takes the field. To win would be great, but just getting to play with all her friends will make it all worth while.

ELBA TIGERS WILL BE SITTING OUT THE PLAYOFFS

The Elba Tigers have made the playoffs in baseball every year since the state changed the format and included the runner-ups in the post-season party, and over the past seven years the Tigers have claimed six Area championships and made one trip to the semifinals in Class 3A. All that history is great; however, this season it will mean nothing as the Tigers will sit out the playoffs after suffering through a 1-3 area record. Elba was up and down all season and really never got anything going, and in recent weeks were hit with injuries to two key starters that resulted in the Tigers going into a terminal tailspin. Sometimes people take things for granted when it becomes habit, and making the playoffs had indeed become a habit for the Tigers in baseball under Coach David Lowery. Now that the Tigers will have to sit at home and have a year to ponder what went wrong, maybe next season they will come out with a more determined attitude and regain their spot atop the area standings and regain their pride that was lost this season.

ELBA LADY TIGERS WATCH RECORD TAKE DIVE

The Elba Lady Tigers have stumbled in recent weeks and last week went 0-4 to see their record for the season dip to 7-14. The Lady Tigers won two games in the Sweet Swingers Classic and appeared ready to make a move; however, last week the only move was backwards, and now the players and coaches alike have to be wondering just what to do to turn the season back around. With teams like Headland and UMS-Wright coming to town for the Sectional Tournament on May 3, the Lady Tigers had better get things figured out real soon, or they might be sitting out the playoffs this season along with the baseball team.

YOUTH LEAGUES ARE READY TO OPEN SEASONS

The youth baseball and softball leagues will open their seasons in the coming days, and this season that means that approximately fifty teams will be taking to the fields in the various leagues. If it is baseball you like, the Elba Recreation Department has Tee-Ball, Coach-Pitch, Dixie Minor, Dixie Youth, Dixie Boys, Dixie Pre-Majors and Dixie Majors, while if you prefer softball, the department has Tee-Ball, Coach-Pitch, 10 and Under Girls, 12 and Under Girls and 16 and Under Girls. That is a total of twelve leagues, and later in the season the coaches will pick ten All-Star teams to represent the city in tournament competition. Ready or not, the season is here!

IN CLOSING...

***I wasn't too thrilled when Kenny Lofton came to the Braves in exchange for Marquis Grissom; however, I watched the Braves play a few games on the tube last week and have to admit that Lofton is some kind of offensive baseball player. He gives the Braves a true lead-off hitter and a deadly base-stealing threat, and could make a major difference down the stretch. Welcome!

***I went to a softball tournament over the weekend down in Pleasant Home and saw a girl from Opp hit a home-run over a 265-foot fence with the wind blowing in. The coach from Pleasant Home had told me before the tournament that no girl had ever hit the ball over the fence, but he had to eat his words a little later when the Lady Bobcat made history. Believe me, it was some kind of hit.

***The NBA playoffs will begin this week, just in case anyone cares.

Elba Lady Tigers suffer through winless week

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the field twice last week in high school softball action and found the going a little rocky as they lost all four games played to watch their record for the season fall to 7-14.

Following are highlights of the four games:

NEW BROCKTON 16

Elba 6
The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks scored 15 runs in their final two at-bats to rip the Lady Tigers 16-6 in New Brockton.

Elba jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the third inning, but saw New Brockton rally to pull out the win. Melissa Grantham and Deidra Jones both got 2 hits for Elba.

NEW BROCKTON 12

Elba 11
The Lady Tigers saw an early 10-1 lead slip away as New Brockton

rallied late to pull out a 12-11 win, in New Brockton.
Elba took command early and led 10-1 in the third, only to see New Brockton pull even in the fourth inning and then take the win in the seventh.

Amber Frederick got 3 hits to lead Elba, while Bonnie Vaughan, Vaughan Boyd, Chastity Williams and Lindsey Jared all added 2.

ARITON 9

Elba 6
The Lady Tigers saw a late rally fall short as Arton held on for a 9-6 win, in Arton.
Elba scored five runs in the final two innings, but it was too little, too late, as the Lady Tigers took the loss.

Bonnie Vaughan, Vaughan Boyd, Amber Frederick and Teisha Daniels all got 2 hits for Elba.

ARITON 15

Elba 2

The Lady Tigers fell behind early and never threatened as they fell to Arton 15-2, in Arton.
Elba led 1-0 in the first, but saw

Amber Frederick get 3 hits to lead Elba, while Bonnie Vaughan, Vaughan Boyd, Chastity Williams and Lindsey Jared all added 2.

ARITON 9

Elba 6

The Lady Tigers saw a late rally fall short as Arton held on for a 9-6 win, in Arton.
Elba scored five runs in the final two innings, but it was too little, too late, as the Lady Tigers took the loss.

Bonnie Vaughan, Vaughan Boyd, Amber Frederick and Teisha Daniels all got 2 hits for Elba.



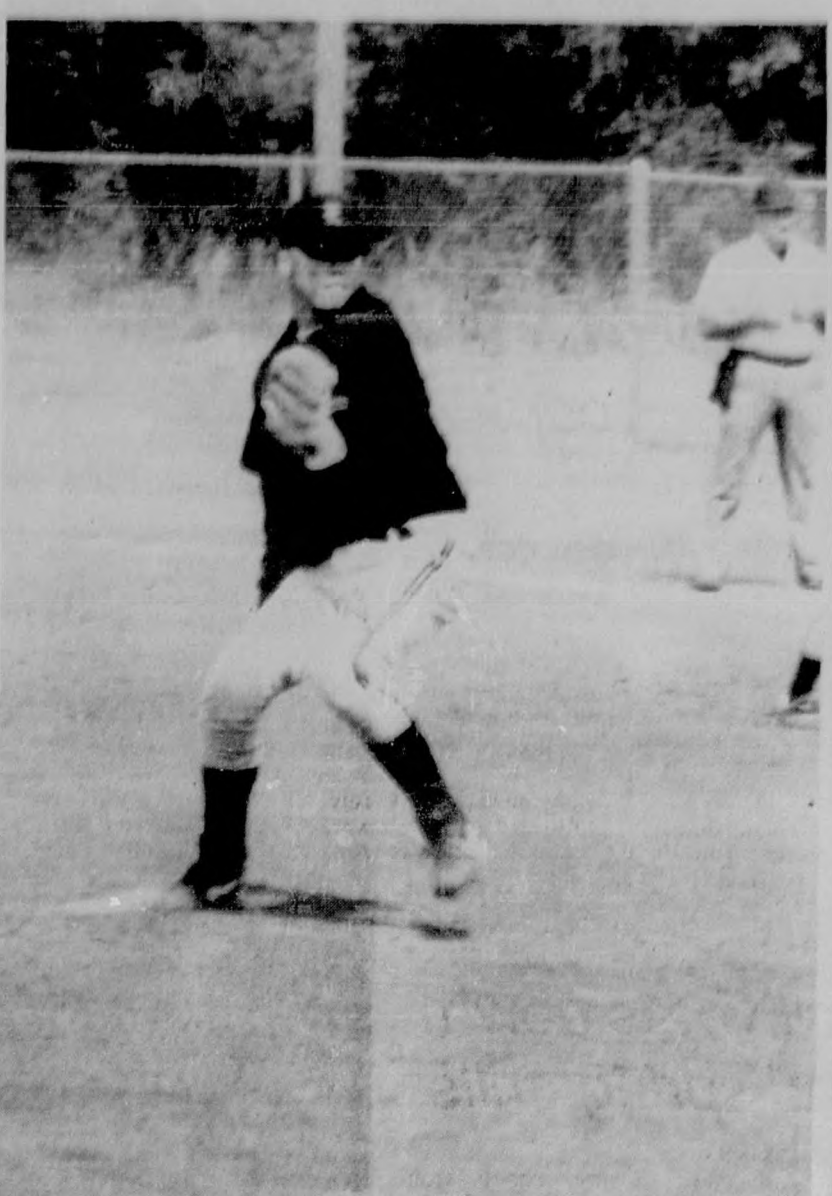
PULLS IN AN OUT...Elba Lady Tiger Vaughan Boyd pulls in a fly ball for an out in recent softball action. The Lady Tigers will host Zion Chapel today (Thursday) in a 3:30 double-header at Hawkins-Williams Park.

JACK BELL'S
Southern Onsite Services
•Construction •Remodeling •Mobile Home Repair
Dependable, Quality Workmanship
At Reasonable Prices!
Free Estimates Licensed & Bonded
Call (334)897-3880 or 1-800-814-8987

Sports

Tiger playoff hopes vanish with 8-3 loss

The Elba Tigers saw their playoff hopes come to an abrupt end Friday afternoon when the Headland Rams



Elba Tiger pitcher Ronnie Davis limited the G.W. Long to only seven hits last week, but got no run production as the Tigers dropped the decision to the Rebels 4-0.

pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Tigers 8-3, in Headland. Headland improved its Area record to 2-2 with the win and gave the Rams the runner-up spot in the standings behind area champ Rehobeth, while Elba closed out area play with a 1-3 state and saw its overall record slide to 6-14.

Headland jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first on a lead-off home-run, and extended its lead to 3-0 by the end of the frame.

The Tigers threatened in the third when Eric Jordan and Kevin Dodd both reached on Ram errors. However, Elba failed to take advantage of the scoring opportunity, and by the end of the fourth inning found itself down 7-0.

Elba finally denied the score-board in the fifth inning when Marcus Parker walked and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Eric Jordan to cut the deficit to 7-1, but the Rams added a lone run in the sixth and carried an 8-1 advantage into the seventh.

The Tigers threatened in their final at-bat and scored a pair of runs on RBI singles by Brooks Creel and Kevin Dodd, but the late rally was short-lived as the Tigers took the loss 8-3 and were eliminated from the playoffs.

The Dodgers are looking forward to their opener and will be looking for Matt Hattaway, Wesley McCormick and Luke Simmons to lead the way.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

Dixie Youth Baseball League to open season on Saturday at Legion Field

The Elba Dixie Youth Baseball League will open its season this Saturday with three games on tap at Legion Field.

The Marlins and Royals will open

the season at 3:00 PM, and will be followed at 5:00 by the clash between the Braves and Cardinals and at 7:00 with the battle between the A's and Diamondbacks.

The league appears to be headed for a solid season, with excellent pitching expected on every team.

The Royals will count on the trio of Jody McCormick, Chance Stuckey and Mitch Downing to lead the way, while the Marlins will look toward Michael Rayburn, Brandon Arnold and Josh Edmondson to pave the way to an opening day win.

The Braves will enter their opener counting on the trio of Kyle English, Justin Allen and Coby Capps to provide leadership, while the Cardinals will counter with a talented team led by Marcus Henderson, Brandon Wilson and Jason Curran.

The A's will open with a solid pitching staff led by Derrick Thors, Ralston Moore, Brandon Sims and Brandon Petty, while the Diamondbacks will be looking to open with a win behind the play of Joseph Sawyer, Eric Bowers and Tyler Simmons.

The Sox appear solid in all areas and will be led in their opener by the trio of LeRay Williams, Lonzo Cook and Chad Williams, while the Red Sox also look strong and will count on Drew Donaldson, Steven Hines and Ted Eubanks to lead the way.

The Dodgers are looking forward to their opener and will be looking for Matt Hattaway, Wesley McCormick and Luke Simmons to lead the way.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches during the regular season, except one, in which teammate John DuBoise claimed top honors with a 38 and a hole-in-one.

All team members include Neil Grantham, Jerry DuBoise, Josh Lawford and Vipal Patel. The team is coached by Lynn Cook.

The Tigers competed in a six-team match on April 7, at the Enterprise Country Club, and placed second behind Geneva with a score of 193. Elba's Mark Wicker and John DuBoise were low medalists in the field of 28 golfers with scores of 39 and 42, respectively.

The Tiger golfers competed in a dual match against Luverne on April 14, at the Luverne Country Club, and fired a team total of 358 to easily win the 18-hole match by 25 strokes. Mark Wicker fired a one-over-par 73 to take medalist honors, while John DuBoise followed with an 81.

Mark Wicker was the overall medalist in every one of the Tigers matches

COURT

(Continued from Page One)

State of Alabama
Vs.
Terry Wayne Maddox
Maddox is charged with rape in the second degree.
State of Alabama
Vs.
Willie Paul Mitchell
The defendant is charged with burglary in the second degree, theft in the first degree, five counts of burglary in the third degree, and five counts of auto burglary.
State of Alabama
Vs.
Huey Dickey
Dickey is charged with DUI (Case on appeal from District Court).

State of Alabama
Vs.
Warren B. Bartlett
Bartlett is charged with DUI (Case on appeal from District Court).
State of Alabama
Vs.
Bishop Flemings, III
He is charged with DUI and speeding (Cases on appeal from District Court).
Jury selection for all cases set for trial will begin at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, in the main courtroom of the Elba Courthouse.

W & E

(Continued from Page One)

The board is getting additional information on door knob hangers to be used during planned power interruptions. These will help get the message to homeowners ahead of scheduled electrical power outages. The board tabled the proposal for a 4 1/2 day work week during the summer months. Board member Harold Bannin voted against the measure to table action. He pleaded for some compromise with opponents. Bannin, who is also on the Elba City Council, had led the move earlier in the city council to gain approval of the summer schedule. The council had previously declined to approve the measure, but did give an affirmative vote on the measure in their April 14th meeting. Chairman Johnson expressed concern that a service agency should have workers readily available during any normal work day. Another question arose concerning allowing (or not allowing) office personnel to participate in the 4 1/2 day work week. Monthly bills totaling \$25,615.27 were approved for payment. Board members discussed with local citizen, and mobile home park owner, Roland Powell the surcharge of \$25 on utility deposits for mobile home owners. The board is considering adjustments to this policy, even though a refund on the surcharge is allowed after one year if the user has paid the monthly bills regularly. City Clerk Donnie Morrow has drafted a change and the board agreed to discuss the matter with the city attorney before making any changes in the policy.

Beauty contests held at Zion Chapel

ZION CHAPEL COMMUNITY BEAUTY PAGEANT WINNERS - Contest held March 8 at Zion Chapel. Miss and Little Miss Zion Chapel will represent Zion Chapel at the National Peanut Festival.



MISS ZION CHAPEL... (l-r): 1st runner-up - Laura Williams; Winner - Suzanna Stinson; 2nd runner-up - Tasha Cooper; 3rd runner-up - Sheryl Nelson

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

TAMMY A.P. STEWART

Tammy A.P. Stewart has graduated from the Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) and appointed as an Army warrant officer at Ft. Rucker. The school is an intense 240-hour course conducted in a very rigorous, high-stressed environment. Candidates receive training and experience in leadership, Army doctrine and tactics, drill and ceremonies, military uniforms, land navigation and physical training. Military history, professional ethics, and requisite traits, skills and qualities required of an officer are part of the military education and training. Stewart is the daughter of Thomas J. and Colette M. Petr of Dallas, Texas. Her husband Michael is the son of Robert P. Stewart of Rt. 2, Brundidge. She graduated from Waco High School, Texas, in 1986, and received a BA degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1993.

CHRIS MOULTRY

Chris Moultry has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Troy. The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty. Moultry, a student at Pike County High School, Brundidge, will report to Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for military basic training on July 31, 1997. He is the son of Willie and Ann-tonette Moultry of Brundidge.



LITTLE MISS ZION CHAPEL... (l-r): 2nd runner-up - Jessi Johnson; Winner - Summer Parker; 1st runner-up - Brook Stinson



JR. MISS ZION CHAPEL... (l-r): 1st runner-up - Rebecca Ward; Winner - Kayla Eddins; 2nd runner-up - Amy Collins

Stewardship Incentive Program sign-up in progress

The sign-up period for the 1997 Stewardship Incentives Program (SIP) is in progress until May 30. The SIP is a federal assistance program which authorizes cost-sharing with private non-industrial forest landowners. Cost-sharing is available to conduct multiple-use forest management practices that enhance forest productivity, fish, and wildlife habitat, and soil and water quality. Specific management practices that are eligible under the SIP include site preparation and tree planting, natural regeneration, prescribed burning, non-commercial thinning, permanent firelines, permanent wildlife openings and plantings, wildlife corridors, riparian buffers, streambank stabilization, and erosion control measures for critical areas. All practices must be carried out according to a Forest Stewardship Plan for the property. Cost shares will be on a reimbursement basis at the rate of 60 percent of actual cost, not to exceed certain set maximums per practice. For more information on the SIP, or to submit requests for assistance, contact this office at 894-5581 or the Alabama Forestry Commission at 894-6734.

DAM

Continued from Page One

One of the last individuals to man the dam before it was taken out of operation, P. H. "Chick" Sellers, was on hand to hear the turbines whine once again.

Early records found through research by Blenn indicate that construction on the Elba Dam began in

1916 and it was placed into operation in the mid 1920's. The dam was operated by Pea River Power Company and supplied electricity to Elba, Troy, and the surrounding area.

In later years (the exact date is not known), the operation of the dam

was taken over by Alabama Electric and the electrical power was sold wholesale to local towns and cooperatives.

In 1966, AEC determined it was no longer economically feasible to maintain the dam and it was shut down.

Ownership of the dam, and the surrounding property, was transferred to the City of Elba. Several ideas were considered by city officials to develop the property but nothing was ever done. On two different occasions, the dam was considered by private companies promising to restore it and place it back into operation supplying power to Elba; however, neither company was successful.

Mr. Ammons, a native of North Carolina, has always been interested in power dams. After he retired, he began his search for a dam. Prior to his retirement, Ammons was a commercial pilot (captain) for Eastern Airlines flying for twenty-five years. In fact, he flew the last plane to fly under the Eastern banner back to Atlanta.

Ben stated that he tried to fine a small dam to purchase in his home state; however, he was unable to do so.

He remembered seeing a dam on the Pea River while flying as a crop duster pilot in this area during the 1960's.

Ammons contacted James Farris, a long-time friend and resident of Coffee County, who informed him of the possibility of purchasing the Elba Dam.

When contacted, city officials were reluctant at first about selling the facility because of earlier dealings, however, they changed their minds and Ben had his dam.

Joining Ammons in his quest to restore the dam was Jesse Blenn, who has had some experience in this type work. He had worked in Latin America for about 10 years on restoration of dams similar to the Elba Dam.

Another loyal supporter of Ben's in this project is his wife, Mun (pronounced Moon). She admits that at first, she had her doubts as to whether or not the dam would ever work again. Mun no longer has that doubt.

She can be seen picking up trash and cleaning up the grounds while Ben and Jesse are busy with other

things. Ben said that Mun is always asking him to straighten things up around the dam. He tells her when everything is working again, they will worry about adding the frills and other things that will add to the appearance of the dam.

Ammons admits that it is a good feeling to finally have some "return on his investment."

"It will make working on the other two generators somewhat easier," he adds.

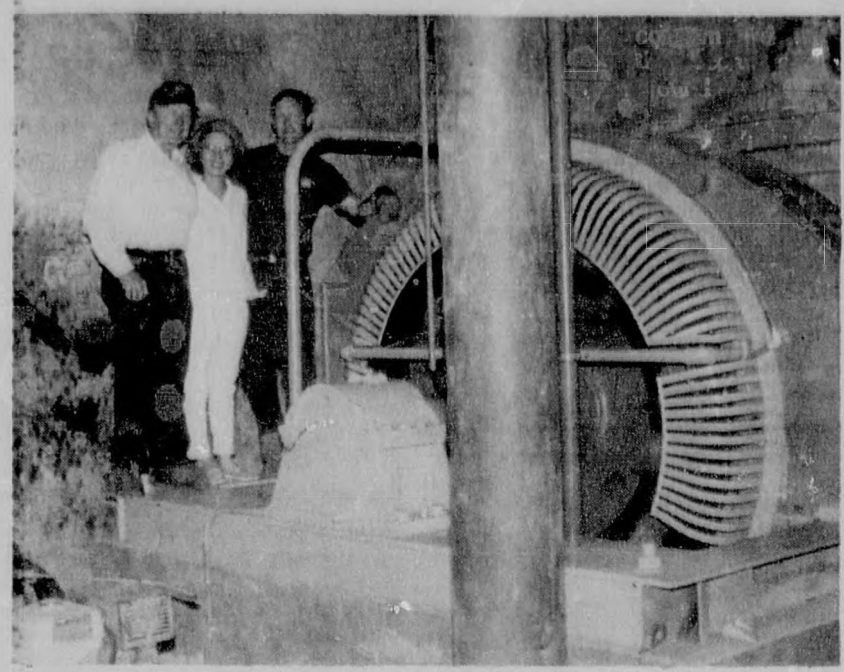
By law, the power companies will have to purchase any power generated by the dam. Of course where the electrical power is routed is up to them.

Both Ben and Jesse are still very much interested in hearing from anyone who knows any history concerning the dam or has pictures of the Elba Power Dam.

It is a good thing to see a man realize his lifelong dream.



BEFORE SHOT... The picture above was taken before any work was started on the dam. One can tell that a lot of work has been done by looking at the same view on the front page.



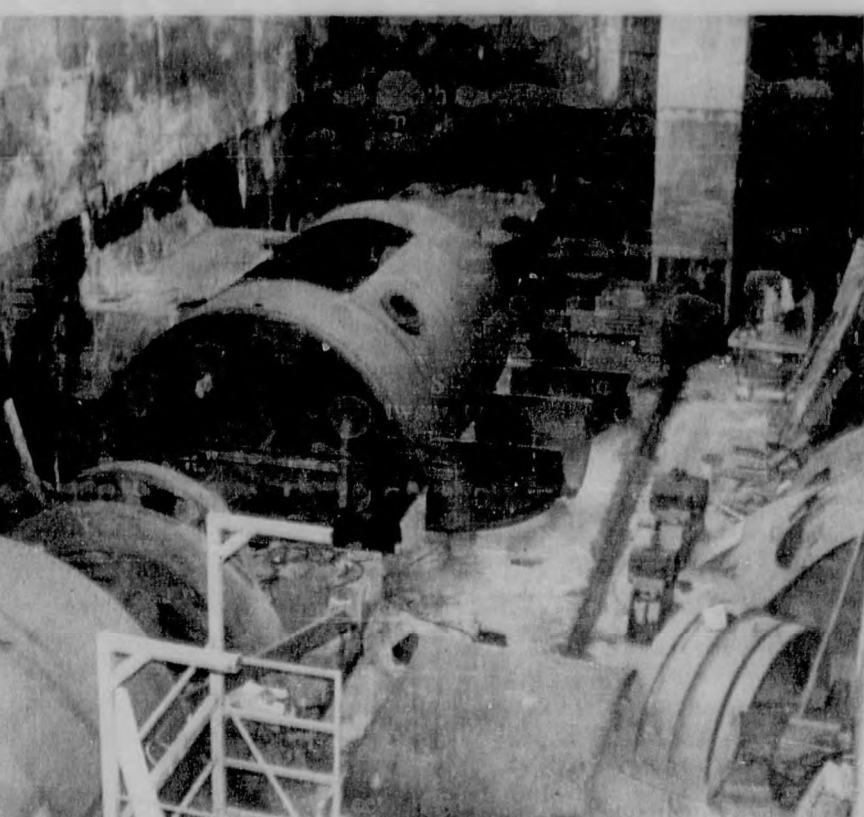
CHECKING IT OUT... Pictured above are (l-r): Ben and Mun Ammons and Jesse Blenn as they enjoy the hum of the generator producing the electricity. One can sense the feeling of pride in their accomplishment and rightfully so!



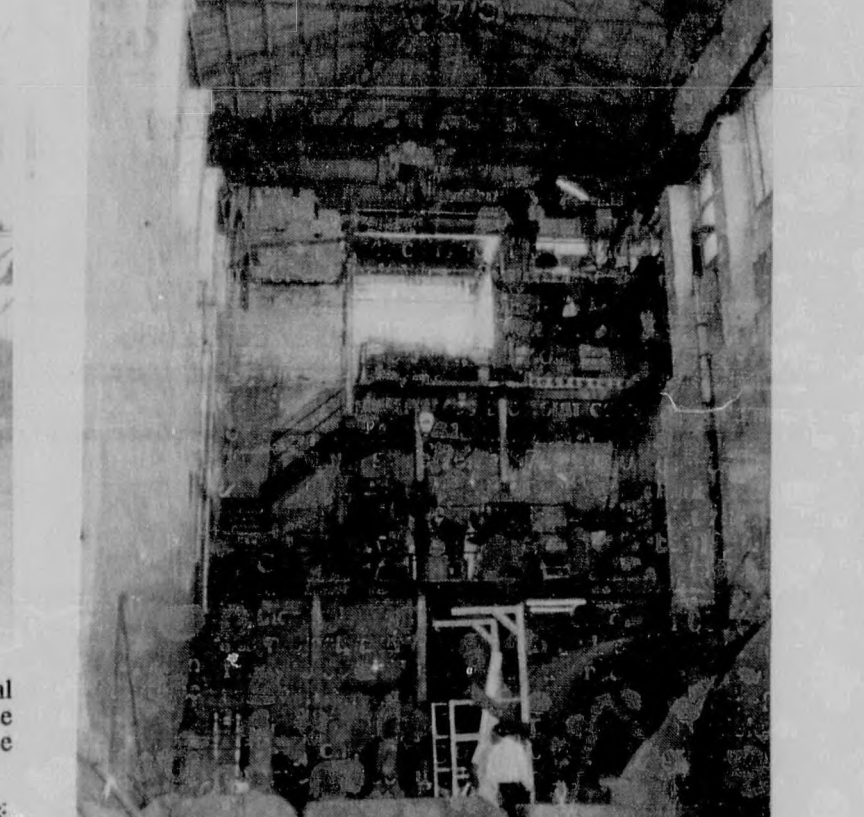
MORE WORK AHEAD... Ammons and Blenn have already started work on one of the remaining two generators. The two larger generators pictured above will each be capable of generating twice as much power as the small generator that is now in operation.



NEW CONTROL PANEL... Pictured above are (l-r): Jesse Blenn, Chick Sellers, and Ben Ammons. Ammons invited Sellers to participate in the "throwing of the switch" putting the Elba Dam back on line. Sellers was one of the dam's operators when it was taken out of service in 1966. The modern control panel is designed to monitor all three turbines and generators.



MORE WORK AHEAD... Ammons and Blenn have already started work on one of the remaining two generators. The two larger generators pictured above will each be capable of generating twice as much power as the small generator that is now in operation.



IT'S A LONG WAY UP... The picture above was taken from the floor of the powerhouse looking up toward where the control panel is located in the upper right-hand corner. The large overhead crane (top of picture) in the picture was constructed by Ammons and Blenn. It was and is a vital piece of equipment used in the restoration of the dam.

Tell'em you read it in...
THE ELBA CLIPPER

LANE TRUCKING, INC.
"We're 'On The Grow Again'"
We Are Now Hiring OTR Drivers
(Full Time or Part Time)
Major Medical Insurance • 401 K Retirement Fund
Spouse Rider Program • Late Model Conventional
All Miles - Same Mileage Pay
CALL TODAY!
Dobson, AL 1-800-279-2239 Ext. 242
Montgomery, AL 1-800-240-2624
Chattanooga, TN 1-800-377-9030

RiCay Jewelers
LAYAWAY NOW FOR MOTHER'S DAY
Mother's Day is May 11
317 W. Davis
Elba, AL 36323
In-Store Repairs
947-3775
AUTHORIZED AGENT

PROM TIME!

Let us customize your date's flowers!
Corsages * Nosegays * Wrist Corsages

INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE!
Selected items 40% to 50% Off

Come see our new merchandise!

The Garden Gate

Florist & Nursery
1951 Hickman Ave. - Elba - 897-2666

Partners in Progress

Your Community Bank
and You!

We are celebrating one of the greatest partnerships in America.
You and your community bank.
Together we make things happen.

As a community bank we provide loans for dream homes, cars, businesses and other good needs. We make it our business to put our resources in the community so that all may grow and prosper. In turn, your accounts with our bank help provide the financial resources we need to make those loans. We are partners in progress and we hope to continue that partnership for a long, long time!

Celebrating Alabama Community Banking Week
April 21-25, 1997

The PEOPLES Bank

Elba
897-2252

Member FDIC

New Brockton
894-6293

THE CITY OF ELBA



WILL RECYCLE
Drink bottles & other
plastics with the 1 (or 2) in
the center of the emblem

RELAY FOR LIFE



Candlelighting Ceremony
Luminary Order Form

CEREMONY AT 10:00 P.M.
MAY 16, 1997

\$5.00 MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION
PER LUMINARY

ENTERPRISE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE

A luminary will be lit in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one. These luminaries will have the loved one or friend's name on them and will be placed around the track and illuminated throughout the night. Please return by May 14, 1997. For more information please call Carol Chancellor at 393-3212 or Carolyn Patrick at 894-6368 or the ACS at 793-1012.

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Complete and Return to:
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
P.O. BOX 176
ENTERPRISE, AL 36331

To Place An Ad, Call
Phone 334/897-2823 Fax 897-3434
By mail to: P. O. Box A, Elba, AL 36323
or visit our office at
417 W. Buford Street, Elba
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-F & 11 noon Sat.

PAYMENT
Payment is by cash, check, credit card or
30 day charge with approved credit.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Cost only \$2.50 per week (first 15 words)
Additional words 12¢ each
Prepaid personal ads get 4th week FREE
Bordered classifieds cost \$4.26 per col. inch

FOR SALE

FOR SALE-2 EACH 1987-1988 R. MODEL MACK TRUCKS. 5 Spd., A/C, 38,000 miles. Well Maintained. Call 267-3153 ext. 133. 4-3-fc

1996 CAPRICE Chevrolets with 2,000 to 5,000 miles. GM company owned. \$24,400 MSRP. Sales price \$20,995. Several colors available. Kilpatrick Chevrolet, Goo in Goo. (205) 593-4253. (R)

LAWFORD'S

ACE
HARDWARE
897-2300
SHUTTERS-40 Years Warranty - Will Install. APPLIANCE, PARTS-Steve, Dyer, etc. BALL BATS, GLOVES, All types of FERTILIZER, Your Home and Garden Center. (Low Prices Every Day, Over 5,000 Stores). 2-6-fc

WOLF TANNING beds... Montego Bay, Home and commercial tanning. Factory direct. Financing available. 90 days same as cash. Units start as low as \$109. Call 208-232-8250. (R)

PRESSURE CLEANERS. 2000 Psi \$399. Honda 2500 \$599. Honda 4000 \$1199. attachments, warranty. 1-800-886-6486. 2-6-fc

Essie Phelps at
The Plant Place
invites you to Stop by and see her. She will have Bedding Plants & Rose Bushes soon & variety of Pot Plants. 897-6935
3.5 miles N of Elba on Brandy Hwy.

RACE FANS: Driver on a mission, never offered. #3 Chevy prints, apparel and more. Check out the Crew Chief. Free catalog or order. 1-800-521-3700. (R)

GARDEN TILLERS - Troy-Bilt rear-tine tillers at low direct from factory prices. For free catalog with prices, special savings now in effect, and model guide, call toll free 1-800-520-0400, Dept. 2. (R)

LONG - NEW 28 HP with psi, live PTO, bush hog and blade, \$8,470. Full warranty. "O" down, \$182/month. New 45 HP Balance, full power with canopy, \$12,970. "O" down, \$279/month. 1-800-726-9511.

AMERICAN TAN Wolf, Sonnet, Braune tanning systems. 24 lamp beds. \$20 a month with approved credit. 1-800-239-4826. (R)

AT HOME tanning. Home tanning beds the site of salon systems yet no special wiring required. Guaranteed results! money back. Financing available. Free catalog 1-800-KEEP-A-TAN. (R)

FIBERGLASS TUB & SHOWER SALE!!! Trailer Tubs, Handicap Commodes, All Wood Cabinets, Marble Tops, Other Bargains! Do It Yourself!!! STOKES BATH & KITCHEN Antietam, AL 1-800-869-6770 or 222-5609

ATTN: Crime stopper - Young and old give yourself an edge with your own late model, personal security alarm 120dB. The loudest. For more information call 1-800-341-9867 or (205) 699-3636.

LAWFORD'S (Low Prices Every Day)

ACE
HARDWARE
897-2300
Complete line of Pool Supplies. Large Selection of Hunting Supplies. Your Echo Power Tool Supplier. Your MTD/Snap-on Dealer. See Us For All of Your Electrical & Plumbing Supplies. 2-6-fc

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

To Place An Ad, Call
Phone 334/897-2823 Fax 897-3434
By mail to: P. O. Box A, Elba, AL 36323
or visit our office at
417 W. Buford Street, Elba
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-F & 11 noon Sat.

PAYMENT
Payment is by cash, check, credit card or
30 day charge with approved credit.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Cost only \$2.50 per week (first 15 words)
Additional words 12¢ each
Prepaid personal ads get 4th week FREE
Bordered classifieds cost \$4.26 per col. inch

FOR SALE

FOR SALE-2 EACH 1987-1988 R. MODEL MACK TRUCKS. 5 Spd., A/C, 38,000 miles. Well Maintained. Call 267-3153 ext. 133. 4-3-fc

1996 CAPRICE Chevrolets with 2,000 to 5,000 miles. GM company owned. \$24,400 MSRP. Sales price \$20,995. Several colors available. Kilpatrick Chevrolet, Goo in Goo. (205) 593-4253. (R)

LAWFORD'S

ACE
HARDWARE
897-2300
SHUTTERS-40 Years Warranty - Will Install. APPLIANCE, PARTS-Steve, Dyer, etc. BALL BATS, GLOVES, All types of FERTILIZER, Your Home and Garden Center. (Low Prices Every Day, Over 5,000 Stores). 2-6-fc

WOLF TANNING beds... Montego Bay, Home and commercial tanning. Factory direct. Financing available. 90 days same as cash. Units start as low as \$109. Call 208-232-8250. (R)

PRESSURE CLEANERS. 2000 Psi \$399. Honda 2500 \$599. Honda 4000 \$1199. attachments, warranty. 1-800-886-6486. 2-6-fc

Essie Phelps at
The Plant Place
invites you to Stop by and see her. She will have Bedding Plants & Rose Bushes soon & variety of Pot Plants. 897-6935
3.5 miles N of Elba on Brandy Hwy.

RACE FANS: Driver on a mission, never offered. #3 Chevy prints, apparel and more. Check out the Crew Chief. Free catalog or order. 1-800-521-3700. (R)

GARDEN TILLERS - Troy-Bilt rear-tine tillers at low direct from factory prices. For free catalog with prices, special savings now in effect, and model guide, call toll free 1-800-520-0400, Dept. 2. (R)

LONG - NEW 28 HP with psi, live PTO, bush hog and blade, \$8,470. Full warranty. "O" down, \$182/month. New 45 HP Balance, full power with canopy, \$12,970. "O" down, \$279/month. 1-800-726-9511.

AMERICAN TAN Wolf, Sonnet, Braune tanning systems. 24 lamp beds. \$20 a month with approved credit. 1-800-239-4826. (R)

AT HOME tanning. Home tanning beds the site of salon systems yet no special wiring required. Guaranteed results! money back. Financing available. Free catalog 1-800-KEEP-A-TAN. (R)

FIBERGLASS TUB & SHOWER SALE!!! Trailer Tubs, Handicap Commodes, All Wood Cabinets, Marble Tops, Other Bargains! Do It Yourself!!! STOKES BATH & KITCHEN Antietam, AL 1-800-869-6770 or 222-5609

ATTN: Crime stopper - Young and old give yourself an edge with your own late model, personal security alarm 120dB. The loudest. For more information call 1-800-341-9867 or (205) 699-3636.

LAWFORD'S (Low Prices Every Day)

ACE
HARDWARE
897-2300
Complete line of Pool Supplies. Large Selection of Hunting Supplies. Your Echo Power Tool Supplier. Your MTD/Snap-on Dealer. See Us For All of Your Electrical & Plumbing Supplies. 2-6-fc

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

To Place An Ad, Call
Phone 334/897-2823 Fax 897-3434
By mail to: P. O. Box A, Elba, AL 36323
or visit our office at
417 W. Buford Street, Elba
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-F & 11 noon Sat.

PAYMENT
Payment is by cash, check, credit card or
30 day charge with approved credit.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Cost only \$2.50 per week (first 15 words)
Additional words 12¢ each
Prepaid personal ads get 4th week FREE
Bordered classifieds cost \$4.26 per col. inch

FOR SALE

FOR SALE-2 EACH 1987-1988 R. MODEL MACK TRUCKS. 5 Spd., A/C, 38,000 miles. Well Maintained. Call 267-3153 ext. 133. 4-3-fc

1996 CAPRICE Chevrolets with 2,000 to 5,000 miles. GM company owned. \$24,400 MSRP. Sales price \$20,995. Several colors available. Kilpatrick Chevrolet, Goo in Goo. (205) 593-4253. (R)

LAWFORD'S

ACE
HARDWARE
897-2300
SHUTTERS-40 Years Warranty - Will Install. APPLIANCE, PARTS-Steve, Dyer, etc. BALL BATS, GLOVES, All types of FERTILIZER, Your Home and Garden Center. (Low Prices Every Day, Over 5,000 Stores). 2-6-fc

WOLF TANNING beds... Montego Bay, Home and commercial tanning. Factory direct. Financing available. 90 days same as cash. Units start as low as \$109. Call 208-232-8250. (R)

PRESSURE CLEANERS. 2000 Psi \$399. Honda 2500 \$599. Honda 4000 \$1199. attachments, warranty. 1-800-886-6486. 2-6-fc

Essie Phelps at
The Plant Place
invites you to Stop by and see her. She will have Bedding Plants & Rose Bushes soon & variety of Pot Plants. 897-6935
3.5 miles N of Elba on Brandy Hwy.

RACE FANS: Driver on a mission, never offered. #3 Chevy prints, apparel and more. Check out the Crew Chief. Free catalog or order. 1-800-521-3700. (R)

GARDEN TILLERS - Troy-Bilt rear-tine tillers at low direct from factory prices. For free catalog with prices, special savings now in effect, and model guide, call toll free 1-800-520-0400, Dept. 2. (R)

LONG - NEW 28 HP with psi, live PTO, bush hog and blade, \$8,470. Full warranty. "O" down, \$182/month. New 45 HP Balance, full power with canopy, \$12,970. "O" down, \$279/month. 1-800-726-9511.

AMERICAN TAN Wolf, Sonnet, Braune tanning systems. 24 lamp beds. \$20 a month with approved credit. 1-800-239-4826. (R)

AT HOME tanning. Home tanning beds the site of salon systems yet no special wiring required. Guaranteed results! money back. Financing available. Free catalog 1-800-KEEP-A-TAN. (R)

FIBERGLASS TUB & SHOWER SALE!!! Trailer Tubs, Handicap Commodes, All Wood Cabinets, Marble Tops, Other Bargains! Do It Yourself!!! STOKES BATH & KITCHEN Antietam, AL 1-800-869-6770 or 222-5609

ATTN: Crime stopper - Young and old give yourself an edge with your own late model, personal security alarm 120dB. The loudest. For more information call 1-800-341-9867 or (205) 699-3636.

LAWFORD'S (Low Prices Every Day)

ACE
HARDWARE
897-2300
Complete line of Pool Supplies. Large Selection of Hunting Supplies. Your Echo Power Tool Supplier. Your MTD/Snap-on Dealer. See Us For All of Your Electrical & Plumbing Supplies. 2-6-fc

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

LUVERNE CASH & CARRY 104 West 6th Street Phone 335-6222

We Deliver! We Deliver!

20 Yr. Roofing \$17.95 per sq.

</

***** Scenes From Band Day '97 *****



Deadline for
Social News to go
in
THE ELBA CLIPPER
is MONDAY!!!!

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE
All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination."
This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law.
Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.



BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
Elba, Alabama
HEART OF DIXIE MUSIC PARK
April 25-26, 1997
Good Family Entertainment
Come And Help Us Celebrate Jim & Jesse
& The Virginia Boys' 50th Anniversary

Jim & Jesse (Fri. & Sat)	Claire Lynch (Fri. & Sat)	Adairs (Fri. & Sat)	Charlie Cline (Fri. & Sat)
Dixie Breeze (Fri. & Sat)	Cedar Creek (Fri. & Sat)	Stump Water (Fri. & Sat)	Tugboat Jerry (Fri. & Sat)

Easy Access - Four Miles West of Elba
Just off Ala. 166 (old U. S. Hwy 84)
Fri 6-12 \$10.00 • Sat. 12-12 \$14.00
Children under 12 free with parent
Special rates for campers who attend the Bluegrass Festival and stay over for the Dixie Cowboy gathering.
For more information call Roger or Pat Boothe
334-897-3288 or 1-800-695-6830 Ext. 69
First Aid Available • Security On Duty
No Drugs or Alcoholic Beverages Allowed
!!! COMING ATTRACTION - 4th of JULY BLUEGRASS CELEBRATION!!!
Come and enjoy the **Osborne Brothers, The Isaacs & The New Coon Creek Girls**
Free Fish Fry with advanced reservations • Special rates for family reunion groups

This newspaper is



printed with
environment friendly
Soy-based INK on
RECYCLED PAPER

WE ARE AN OPEN

Hours at your
Elba Public Library are:

- Mon., Thurs. and Friday - open from 9 a.m. til 5 p.m.
- Tuesday library is open from 9 a.m. til 7 p.m.
- Wednesday - open from 9 a.m. until noon

